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IMU BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ELECTRIC,
WATER AND COMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES
January 10, 2022
5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
Minutes

The Indianola Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on January 10, 2022 in the City Hall Council Chambers. Chairperson Adam Voigts called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Forbush, Voigts, Rozga, and Smith. Absent: Richardson.

Chairperson Voigts announced the resignation of Board Member Richardson, effective January 1, 2022.

There were no public comments offered.

Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Rozga seconded it. The financial report was discussed. Question was called for and on voice vote, the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Approval of November financials.
- Approval of Claims from December 29, 2021.
- Approval of Claims from January 10, 2022.
- Approval of Minutes of the prior board meetings.

Raki Giannakouros of Sandhill Energy Company provided background information on his company, along with other projects they have done. He discussed a possible solar project in Indianola, which included what each party would be responsible for, the project timeline, and the next steps. The Board requested that IMU General Manager Chris Des Planques provide financial analysis and comparables.

Mike Metcalf, Electric Superintendent, stated the Electric Department is working on repairs and meeting with the City on the Streetscape Project and lighting for North Jefferson Way.

Lou Elbert, Water Superintendent, reported the Water Department employees are working on plant maintenance.

Rozga moved to approve Resolution 2022-001 approving the Communications Utilities Service Policy. Smith seconded it. In discussion, Fiber Superintendent Kurt Ripperger noted the update is primarily to section 5.6. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Voigts, Rozga, and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Ripperger informed the Board that the Communications Utility was awarded grant money from the state for fiber line extensions.

Rozga moved to approve Resolution 2022-002 approving a waiver and consenting to any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest associated with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.'s representation of the Indianola Municipal Utilities and the City of Pella regarding the 28E Agreement for a joint transport line. Smith seconded it. In discussion, the Board discussed the advantages of approving the waiver. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Voigts, Rozga, Smith.
NAYS: Forbush. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion passed.

Resolution 2022-003 approving a 28E Agreement for a joint public improvement project of a fiber transport line between the City of Pella and the Indianola Municipal Utilities was pulled from the agenda.

Smith moved to approve Resolution 2022-004 approving an administrative services agreement between Indianola Municipal Utilities and MissionSquare Retirement. Rozga seconded it. In discussion, GM Des Planques stated the agreement is the same the City has been operating under. Now that IMU is performing their own payroll duties, an agreement between MissionSquare and IMU is necessary. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Smith moved to approve Resolution 2022-005 approving salaries. Rozga seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

The selection of 2022 officers was tabled to the February 14, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting on a motion by Rozga and seconded by Smith. Question was called for and on voice vote the motion was passed unanimously.

In combined informational items, GM Des Planques stated he would attend a MEAN meeting; the IMU Board meeting on January 24 will include discussions on the budget; and the draft audit should be given to IMU this week with a presentation scheduled for the next Board meeting. There was also discussion on dates for the next strategic planning session. Finance/HR Director Chris Longer provided the Board with an update on payroll.

In Other Business, Board Members directed GM Des Planques to issue an RFQ for legal services.

Smith moved to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. and Rozga seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Adam Voigts, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk